



Participatory Budgeting at AART





What Is PB?



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The Participatory Budgeting Project



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PB at AART



Reflections on AART's Participatory Budgeting Program in Milwaukee

African American Roundtable



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This is how Participatory Budgeting works:



How did we get people engaged?

- Radio interviews
- Tabling
- Community Education events
- Voting Parties
- Facebook Lives



Results

We had 4 winners award each \$10,000 award during our pilot Participatory Budgeting Program. More than 850 Northwest Side residents voted for the top projects they felt would increase safety and change lives.

- **BYOCHI** is a children's social club that works to prevent mental health issues and peer pressure through literature and educational programs.
- **Brentwood Church** will renovate their community church's kitchen to install industrial equipment so that they can provide weekly meals, recreational, educational, and training activities for older adults on the Northwest Side.
- **Korey's Kids** will provide clothing, food, diapers and resources to residents of Milwaukee County through Christmas toy giveaway events, community baby showers and back-to-school events for families.
- **Vaun Mayes** of We Locked In MKE will host a lock-in for young people where they have access to meals, mentorship, programming, prizes and space to be.



Community Education

We hosted two community education events over the last 6 months priming people for the PB process with over 75 people at each event.



Best Practices

- Communication
 - develop communication committees with community members
- Decision making clarity
 - develop clear decision making expectations, roles and guide books to support people in the process
- All expertise is needed and valued
 - make time for content experts and context experts
- Tools
 - should support people's discussions and decisions not detract from them

Upcoming Opportunities



PBP is launching a new resource for participatory budgeting advocates and implementers across the country! This new step-by-step digital handbook will guide anyone who is getting ready to implement a participatory budgeting (PB) process through the goals, key considerations, training needs, and best practices to plan and carry out each phase.

NEW PB RESOURCE! 

Movement partners, participatory budgeting implementers, democracy champions - **join us** to learn about PBP's new, step-by-step digital guide!

Participatory Budgeting Handbook Launch

2pm ET / 11am PT

Wednesday, April 22



Questions